

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF WATERTOWN
APRIL 15, 2002
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR JOSEPH M. BUTLER PRESIDING

PRESENT: **COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS
COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH
MAYOR BUTLER**

ABSENT: **COUNCILMAN PETER L. CLOUGH
COUNCILMAN PAUL A. SIMMONS**

ALSO PRESENT: **CITY MANAGER JERRY C. HILLER
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER MARY M. CORRIVEAU
CITY ATTORNEY ROBERT J. SLYE**

Assistant City Manager Mary M. Corriveau presented the following reports to the Council:

- No. 1 - Authorizing Governor Flower Monument Centennial Committee to Apply for Northern New York Community Foundation Grant on Behalf of the City of Watertown
- No. 2 - Authorizing Acceptance of FAA Grant, Watertown International Airport, Project 3-36-0120-12-02
- No. 3 -Authorizing Application for Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)
- No. 4 - Approving Employee Assistance Program Service Agreement, Northern Employee Assistance Services
- No. 5 - Authorizing License Agreement Between the City of Watertown and the Department of the Army
- No. 6 - Concurring With the Designation of the Development Authority of the North Country As Lead Agency for the SEQRA Review of Expansion of the Landfill
- No. 7 - Approving the Site Plan for the Construction of Six 3,164 Sq. Ft. Duplex Buildings, Two 3,670 Sq. Ft. Duplex Buildings, Two 1,986 Sq. Ft. Cottage Buildings and Three 2,160 Sq. Ft. Cottage Buildings, Located Along Jewell Drive, Parcel No. 14-49-101.004
- No. 8 - Approving the Site Plan Construction of a 1,300 Sq. Ft. Addition and Parking Lot Expansion at 1130 State Street, Parcel No. 11-12-223
- No. 9 -Local Law No. 6 of 2002 – A Local Law Amending Chapter 104 of the City Code of the City of Watertown Pertaining to Unsafe Buildings
- No.10- Public Hearings for 2002-03 Operating Budgets and 2002-03 through 2006-07 Capital Budget – May 6, 2002 at 7:15 and 7:45 p.m.
- No.11- Monthly Report

COMPLETE REPORTS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Meeting opened with a moment of silence in memory of Patricia Barber who died this past week.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 1, 2002 and the adjourned meeting of April 8, 2002 was dispensed with and accepted as written by motion of Councilwoman Burns, seconded by Councilman Smith and carried with all voting in favor thereof.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received from the City's Planning Board:

1. Recommending approval for the site plan submitted on behalf of Ives Hill Retirement Community, Inc. for the construction of six 3,164 sq. ft. duplex buildings, two 3,670 sq. ft. duplex buildings, two 1,986 sq. ft. cottage buildings and three 2,160 sq. ft. cottage buildings located along Jewell Drive, Parcel No. 14-49-101.004 contingent upon certain requirements as outlined in the resolution being met.
2. Recommending approval for the site plan submitted on behalf of Credo Community Center for Alcoholism for the construction of a 1,300 sq. ft. addition and parking lot expansion at 1130 State Street, Parcel No. 11-12-223 contingent upon a planted buffer or fence being installed along the rear property line.

ABOVE PLACED ON FILE

From Barbara Williams, 235 E. Division Street, asking Council when the City is going to take action on the Cloverdale Apartments. She states that the siding is starting to come off and branches litter the lawns.

ABOVE PLACED ON FILE

Minutes were received from the library's board meeting.

ABOVE PLACED ON FILE

From Congregation Degel Israel inviting Council members to the flag raising in front of City Hall commemorating the 55th birthday of Israel.

ABOVE PLACED ON FILE

From Wiley School's Fifth Grade inviting Council to attend their D.A.R.E. graduation on April 30th at 9:00 a.m.

ABOVE PLACED ON FILE

1. Claim against the City was received from Michael Scully, 324 Central Street, for an alleged false arrest.
2. Notice of Action to foreclose on a mortgage was received for 804 Pearl Street.

ABOVE REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF AUDIT

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Rose Ward, 522 Mohawk Street, addressed the chair concerning the fact that Cayuga Avenue needs to be paved. She also remarked that she had asked for “Children At Play” signs to be placed in that area.

P.J. Simao, State Street business owner, addressed the chair asking what the status of the negotiations was in regards to the Silverstein property. He explained that he wanted to know, as it would have an effect on whether or not he puts more money into improving his property on State Street. He asked how long the negotiations would go and how much the City was willing to spend.

Mr. Hiller advised Mr. Simao that the written appraisal would be delivered to Dr. Silverstein tomorrow. He also commented that it would not be appropriate to discuss numbers in a public venue.

Mr. Simao asked if the Council was willing to support the Emerson Place project.

Councilman Smith remarked that Council is committed, which is evident by the commitment of a \$20,000 loan to Neighbors of Watertown.

Councilwoman Burns responded that she has gone on record supporting the plan.

RESOLUTIONS

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Watertown, at its March 4, 2002 meeting, authorized the formation of a task force for the Flower Statue Restoration project, and

WHEREAS the Governor Flower Monument Centennial Committee has formed and has begun to investigate ways to raise funding for the restoration of the Monument and the replication of the granite eagles that once stood at its base, and

WHEREAS contributions from the community have raised over ten thousand dollars for the project to date, and

WHEREAS the task force is pursuing several grant sources to assist with the fundraising effort, and

WHEREAS the Northern New York Community Foundation has grant funding available, and

WHEREAS the private donations already raised will be used as a match for the project and will not require a monetary contribution from the City,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that the Governor Flower Monument Centennial Committee is hereby authorized to file an application on behalf of the City of Watertown for funding from the Northern New York Community Foundation in an amount of \$15,000 for the restoration of the Governor Flower Monument, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of said grant request, the City Manager, Jerry C. Hiller, is authorized to enter into and execute a Project Agreement with the Northern New York Community Foundation for such financial assistance for the City of Watertown.

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

Mayor Butler commended Mr. Richardson and remarked that he appreciates Mr. Richardson's efforts in this endeavor.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS

WHEREAS the City of Watertown submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration a Project Application dated January 15, 2002 for a grant of Federal funds in connection with the operation of the Watertown International Airport, and

WHEREAS the City has received notification that the Federal Aviation Administration has approved the City's application for funding, in the amount of \$86,541, and

WHEREAS the application submitted was for compensation to the City of Watertown for a portion of the direct costs associated with new, additional or revised

security requirements imposed on the City of Watertown as the operator of the Watertown International Airport by the Administrator on or after September 11, 2001,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby authorizes the acceptance of the Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$86,541, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Joseph M. Butler is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Grant Agreement on behalf of the City of Watertown.

SECONDED BY MAYOR JOSEPH M. BUTLER AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

Councilman Smith asked if he was correct in that no local matching share was required for this grant.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that this is correct. This grant is for reimbursement to the City and County for money spent as a result of 9/11 security increase at the airport. She explained that most of the money will come through the City and be reimbursed to the County for their expenses incurred when deputies provided security detail at the airport. She explained that the City had to apply for the reimbursement funds because they own the facility.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS

WHEREAS the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee encourages municipalities to apply for funding under the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) which targets specific traffic violations associated with unsafe driving behaviors, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown Police Department has reviewed the program and feels that participation in the program will benefit the Department and the citizens of the City of Watertown, and

WHEREAS this funding will allow the Department to continue to have an enforcement- focused project that targets speeding and/or aggressive driving, including red light running,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown authorizes the Police Department to submit a grant application for support of special details dedicated to ticketing drivers running stop signs and red lights throughout the City, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes an application in the amount of \$12,000.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Joseph M. Butler is hereby authorized and directed to execute the grant application on behalf of the City of Watertown.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH

MOTION TO TABLE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN SMITH, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS

WHEREAS by resolution adopted February 8, 1988, the City Council approved an Employee Assistance Program Service Agreement, and

WHEREAS the City wishes to continue to provide such a program for its employees, and

WHEREAS the City of Watertown wishes to renew the Service Agreement with the Northern Employee Assistance Services for an additional year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby approves the Employee Assistance Program Service Agreement between the City of Watertown and the Northern Employee Assistance Services, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Joseph M. Butler, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH

Mayor Butler asked if the \$24.25 per employee was a fee for only the actual number of employees that used the service.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that the fee is based on the total number of employees who work for the City, whether or not they use the program. She also explained that this service is available to all employees and their family members. She stated that the total cost per year is approximately \$8,900.

MOTION TO TABLE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN SMITH, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH

WHEREAS the City of Watertown Police Department utilizes the facilities and the personnel at Fort Drum to assist them with training of personnel, and

WHEREAS this cooperative relationship has developed into a very valuable training experience for the members of our Police Department, and

WHEREAS Fort Drum is requesting a new License Agreement each time the Department use their facilities, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this resolution,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Watertown Chief of Police is hereby authorized and directed to execute a License Agreement between the City of Watertown and the Department of the Army, when City Police Department employees are using facilities at Fort Drum, a copy of said standard License Agreement is attached and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Watertown hereby agrees to defend and indemnify the Department of the Army from and against any and all claims for personal injury or property damage arising from the negligence of any of its officers or employees occurring in connection with the use of Department of the Army facilities in accordance with this License Agreement.

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS

WHEREAS the Development Authority of the North Country is proposing a five acre expansion of the Rodman landfill disposal area in the northeastern portion of the footprint and that agency has initiated a coordinated review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and

WHEREAS the Development Authority has indicated an interest in being designated the Lead Agency with respect to the environmental review, and

WHEREAS the Development Authority has the broadest governmental powers for investigation of the environmental impact of the proposed action,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that it hereby concurs with the designation of the Development Authority of the North Country as Lead Agency with respect to the SEQRA environmental review of the proposed landfill expansion in the northeastern portion of the landfill footprint, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Joseph M. Butler, is hereby authorized and directed to inform the Development Authority of the North Country of the City Council's concurrence.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING YEA

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH

WHEREAS Matthew R. Morgia of GYMO, P.C. has made application for site plan approval on behalf of Ives Hill Retirement Community, Inc. for the construction of six 3,164 sq. ft. duplex buildings, two 3,670 sq. ft. duplex buildings, two 1,986 sq. ft. cottage buildings and three 2,160 sq. ft. cottage buildings located along Jewell Drive, Parcel No. 14-19-101.004, and

WHEREAS the Jefferson County Planning Board reviewed the site plan at its March 26, 2002 meeting, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 239-m and resolved that the project does not have any significant county-wide or inter-municipal issues and is of local concern only, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board of the City of Watertown reviewed the site plan at its meeting held on Tuesday, April 2, 2002, and recommended that the City Council of the City of Watertown approve the site plan contingent upon the following:

1. That an Agreement signed by the neighboring property owner which authorizes the construction of the overflow pipe and allows the dispersion of water onto their land be submitted to the Engineering Department.

and

WHEREAS the City Council has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form, responding to each of the questions contained in Part II and has determined that the project, as submitted, is unlisted and will not have a significant affect on the environment,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown declares that the proposed construction and site plan constitute an unlisted action for the purposes of SEQRA and hereby determines that the project, as proposed, will not have a significant affect on the environment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that site plan approval is hereby granted to Matthew R. Morgia of GYMO, P.C. on behalf of Ives Hill Retirement Community, Inc., for the construction of six 3,164 sq. ft. duplex buildings, two 3,670 sq. ft. duplex buildings, two 1.986 sq. ft. cottage buildings, and three 2,160 sq. ft. cottage buildings located along Jewell Drive, Parcel No. 14-49-101.004, as shown on plans submitted to the City Engineer on March 19, 2002, contingent upon the applicant making the revisions and meeting the requirements listed above in the City Planning Board's recommendation.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS AND CARRIED
WITH ALL VOTING YEA**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS

WHEREAS Matthew J. Cervini of GYMO, P.C., has made application for site plan approval on behalf of the Credo Community Center for Alcoholism for the construction of a 1,300 sq. ft. addition and parking lot expansion at 1130 State Street, Parcel No. 11-12-223, and

WHEREAS the Planning Board of the City of Watertown reviewed the site plan at its meeting held on Tuesday, April 2, 2002, and recommended that the City Council of the City of Watertown approve the site plan, contingent upon the following:

1. That a planted buffer or fence be installed along the rear property line.

and,

WHEREAS the City Council has reviewed the Short Environmental Assessment Form, responding to each of the questions contained in Part II, and has determined that the project as submitted is unlisted and will not have a significant affect on the environment,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown declares that the proposed construction and site plan constitute an Unlisted Action for the purposes of SEQRA and hereby determines that the project, as proposed, will not have a significant affect on the environment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Watertown, New York that site plan approval is hereby granted to Matthew J. Cervini of GYMO, P.C., on behalf of the Credo Community Center for Alcoholism, for the construction of a 1,300 sq. ft. addition and parking lot expansion at 1130 State Street, Parcel No. 11-12-223, as shown on plans submitted to the City Engineer on March 19, 2002, contingent upon the applicant making the revisions and meeting the requirements listed above in the City Planning Board's recommendation.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH AND CARRIED WITH
ALL VOTING YEA**

LOCAL LAW

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN JEFFREY M. SMITH

A local law to amend Chapter 104 of the City Code of the City of Watertown to provide for the inspection and determination of unsafe structures in the City of Watertown.

WHEREAS, Chapter 104 of the City Code of the City of Watertown, entitled the “Unsafe Buildings Law,” has been an important tool in identifying unsafe buildings and structures and requiring their repair or removal, and

WHEREAS, the procedures for the identification and determination of unsafe buildings or structures, and for requiring their repair or removal, have been codified by §20(35) of the New York General City Law, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 104 of the City Code of the City of Watertown, needs to be amended to comply with the State-mandated procedure, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 104 of the City Code of the City of Watertown had previously been adopted by local law, and now requires a local law for its amendment, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Watertown deems it to be the best interest of the citizens of the City to ensure that Chapter 104 of the City Code of the City of Watertown not only complies with the State Law, but provides for a fair and equitable method for determining the need for the repair or removal of unsafe buildings or structures.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, NEW YORK that Chapter 104 of the Code of the City of Watertown shall be amended as follows:

§104-1 through §104-3 - No change.

§104-4 add a last sentence:

The above listing of defects resulting in a “deemed” dangerous or unsafe condition shall not impair the City’s right to proceed to compel the repair or maintenance of any building or structure that, from any cause, endangers the health, safety, or welfare of the public.

§104-5 amend to read as follows:

The City Engineer shall serve as the Director of Buildings as that term is used at Article 2-A of the New York General City Law. The City Code Enforcement Supervisor shall serve as the City Engineer’s Deputy for purposes of conducting inspections and serving notices under this chapter.

Whenever the Code Enforcement Supervisor shall have reasonable cause to believe that a building or structure in the City is unsafe or dangerous, and thereby affects the public health, safety, or welfare, he shall proceed to make an inspection of the building or structure. If possible, the owner or owner's agent shall give permission, and shall be present for, the inspection. If permission for an inspection cannot be obtained, the Code Enforcement Supervisor shall proceed to obtain an administrative Search Warrant from a Court of competent jurisdiction to permit the inspection to proceed.

§104-6 through §104-11 - Repealed.

§104-6 Emergency Work. (New)

A. In case there shall be, in the opinion of the Code Enforcement Supervisor, actual and immediate danger of the falling of a building or structure so as to endanger public safety, life or property or actual or immediate menace to health or public welfare as a result of the conditions present in or about a building or structure, he shall cause the necessary work to be done to render such building or structure temporarily safe, whether the procedures prescribed in this chapter for unsafe or dangerous buildings or structures has been instituted or not.

B. When emergency work is to be performed under this section, the Code Enforcement Supervisor shall cause the owner thereof to be notified in writing by service personally or by registered mail, return receipt requested. If notice is served by registered mail, he shall further post on the premises a notice to comply containing a description of the premises, a statement of the facts in which the structure is unsafe or dangerous and his orders and directions to correct the conditions which constitute an emergency within a specified period not to exceed three days from actual or constructive receipt of the notice.

C. In the event that the emergency does not permit any delay in correction, the notice shall state the city has corrected the emergency condition.

D. In each such case, the notice shall state that the corrective costs of the emergency will be assessed against the owner pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

§104-7 Procedures for compelling repairs or removal of unsafe buildings or structures. (New)

If the building enforcement supervisor shall be of the opinion that a building or structure is unsafe or dangerous, but does not present an actual and immediate danger requiring emergency work as authorized by §104-6 of this Chapter, he shall proceed to compel repair or removal of the unsafe or dangerous condition as follows:

- A. Upon the making of a report by the Code Enforcement Supervisor that a building or structure is reported unsafe or dangerous to the public, the City Engineer may direct the Code Enforcement Supervisor to serve a notice upon the owner and all other persons having an interest in such property or structure, either personally or by registered mail, addressed to their last known address as shown by the records of the City Assessor and/or in the office of the County Clerk, containing a description of the premises, a statement of the particulars in which the building or structure is unsafe or dangerous, and an Order of the Code Enforcement Supervisor requiring the same to be repaired or removed and, if such service is made by registered mail, the posting of a copy of such notice on the premises.
- B. Such owner so served shall commence the repair or removal of such building or structure within 30 days after service of such notice.
- C. The notice from the City Engineer, which is filed by the Code Enforcement Supervisor pursuant to the direction of the City Engineer under subdivision A of this section, shall be filed in the office of the Jefferson County Clerk, which notice shall be filed by the Jefferson County Clerk in the same manner as a Notice of Pendency pursuant to Article 65 of the New York Civil Practice Law & Rules. A notice so filed shall be effective for a period of one (1) year from the date of filing. However, said notice may be vacated upon the Order of a Judge or Justice of a Court of record or upon the consent of the City Attorney.
- D. The Notice served and filed in accordance with subsections A and B of this Section shall contain a written notice that a hearing shall be scheduled by and held before the City Engineer at a time and place specified in the notice to repair or demolish, not sooner than two (2) weeks, nor later than the date given to commence repair or removal.
- E. At the hearing, the owner, the City, and any other interested parties may present witnesses and any other proof relating to the matters, and all parties may appear in person or with their attorneys.
- F. At the conclusion of the hearing, the City Engineer shall make a determination, in writing, as to the need for repairs and/or demolition/removal, and a copy of the determination shall be served either personally or by first class mail on all parties who appeared therein.
- G. If the City Engineer determines that the building or structure must be repaired or removed, the City Engineer shall also include an Order directing the owner to proceed in accordance therewith and shall further specify that, unless the work is commenced within ten (10) days after service and the work is completed within a reasonable time thereafter, which the City Engineer shall

designate, that the City shall repair or remove the same. Repair or removal by the City shall invoke the recovery of costs called for by §104-8 of this chapter.

- §104-12 Repealed.
- §104-13 Repealed.
- §104-14 Renumbered as 104-8 Removal or repair by City; recovery of costs.
- §104-15 Repealed.
- §104-16 Renumbered as 104-9 Transfer of Title.
- §104-17 Repealed.

This local law shall become effective upon filing with the New York Secretary of State.

SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN ROXANNE M. BURNS

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN BURNS TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOREGOING LOCAL LAW FOR MONDAY, MAY 6TH AT 8:00 P.M.

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

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Public Hearings Scheduled for City Budgets

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN BURNS TO SCHEDULE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON MAY 6TH, THE FIRST ONE AT 7:15 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE 2002-03 THROUGH 2006-07 CAPITAL BUDGET AND THE SECOND ONE AT 7:45 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE 2002-03 OPERATING BUDGET.

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

Public Hearing Scheduled for Special Assessment

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN BURNS TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 6TH AT 8:15 P.M. TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS ABOUT THE CITY'S PLAN TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AND WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE WORK WOULD BE PAID BY THE CITY AND WHAT WOULD BE PAID BY THE ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNER.

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF.

Building Code

Mr. Hiller advised Council that Mr. McWayne would be attending a training seminar to see what changes have been made in the State's building code. The changes will take effect on July 1st, with a 180-day transition period being implemented.

Cloverdale Apartments

Mr. Hiller advised Council that he is working with WHA to see if we can get funding in next year's state budget to finish a proposed study to determine if the City's original plan to tear down the buildings is the best solution. Mr. Hiller explained that the original estimate to rehab the facility was \$80,000 per unit. In addition, WHA has vacancies in other properties that it owns.

Sales Tax Report

Referring to sales tax figures, Councilman Smith asked if the sales tax figures would change the amount in the budget to appropriate from the fund balance.

Mr. Hiller stated that it might. Mr. McCauley will have a report for next week's Council meeting.

Hydro Revenues

Mrs. Corriveau explained that these figures are just through February.

Health Insurance Fund

Mayor Butler asked about this fund.

Mrs. Corriveau explained that the fund hasn't had to have any temporary loans to date and is holding its own.

T-21 Grant & Black River Grant

Mr. Hiller explained that the City is expecting the results of this grant application within the next couple of months. He remarked that the City has been advised that it had one of the highest rankings in the region.

Mayor Butler asked about the \$130,000 Black River grant.

Mr. Hiller stated that while they haven't received word yet, they were informed that it also ranked high.

AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR MEETING WAS DULY ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M. UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 22ND AT 6:00 P.M. BY MOTION OF COUNCILWOMAN BURNS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN SMITH AND CARRIED WITH ALL VOTING IN FAVOR THEREOF

Donna M. Dutton, City Clerk